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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the first sentence immediately following the title as follows:

This application is a continuation of United States Patent Application No. 09/331,040, filed June 15, 1999, now abandoned, which claims priority to German Application No. 19654079.8, filed December 23, 1996.